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## **Congressman Tom McClintock Holds Health Care Town Hall Meetings**

Congressman McClintock discusses his health care reform plan at a recent town hall meeting (photos, below and right) focusing on ensuring access for all Americans, making health care more affordable and empowering patients to make their own decisions.





For more information, or to send an e-mail, go to *McClintock.house.gov* 

#### **HEALTH CARE SURVEY**

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<ol><li>Please share your thoughts and concerns abou health care reform:</li></ol>				

### **HEALTH CARE TOWN HALL REPORT**

FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN TOM McCLINTOCK

#### Dear Friend:

I want to thank all of you who joined one of the five town hall meetings that I held around the district. We had the largest public meeting in the history of Susanville, and in Nevada County we had to do two meetings back-to-back to accommodate the crowd.

The discussions were lively but civil and one thing came through loud and clear. I took a voice vote at each of the town halls, and at every one—by wide margins—people are rejecting the government-run option. Overwhelmingly, they favor increasing the individual's role in making health care decisions—and ensuring our tax system leaves people with enough money to do so.

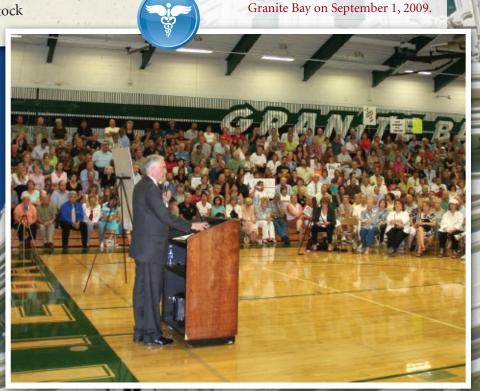
For those of you who couldn't join me, I hope you take the time to fill out the attached survey. There is space there for you to tell me what you think is the best way to reform our health care system.

Sincerely,

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Tom McClintock





# CONGRESSMAN TOM McCLINTOCK'S PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

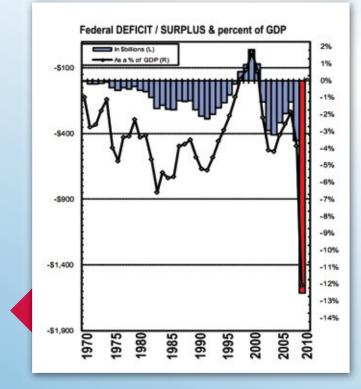
- Drive down costs, increase competition, and give consumers choice by allowing insurance to be
  purchased across state lines. We don't require Californians to bank exclusively at California banks
  or shop exclusively at California retailers—yet we require Californians to buy California insurance.
- Give individuals the same health care tax breaks currently enjoyed by corporations, allowing more
  Americans to own their health care plan instead of relying on their employer. For a fraction of the
  price of Obama's plan, we can put private health insurance within the financial reach of every
  American family. Then they will have the power to fire an unresponsive company and switch to a
  plan that offers them better services at lower cost.
- Implement common-sense tort reform to reduce exorbitant malpractice insurance costs. Litigation
  is a significant cost driver. If you doubt that, just ask your doctor how much he has to shell out
  every year to protect himself from malpractice suits.
- Create high-risk purchasing pools so that individuals with pre-existing conditions will have access to affordable care.



Rep. McClintock speaks with constituents at his town hall meeting in Susanville on September 3, 2009.

#### **X** The Federal Deficit Will Balloon Out of Control:

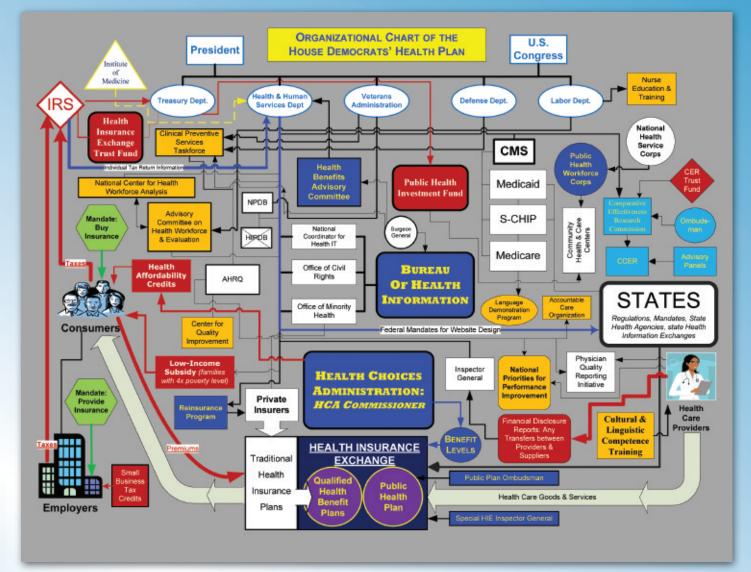
We cannot pay for a new government-run public health care plan without intensifying the deficit, the scope of which is already unprecedented.



A few years ago, a man came to me who lost his job—and therefore his insurance—and when he tried to get health insurance he was turned down because he had a pre-existing condition: bursitis. He was not worried about bursitis. He was worried about a catastrophic accident or illness. He wanted to buy a policy for that, and deal with the bursitis himself. The response was, such a policy could not be written—it's against the law. If we can restore freedom to write such policies, and isolate pre-existing conditions, then we will have addressed the largest part of the problem. And for those cases that aren't bursitis but something life-threatening like cancer, we have a model that we already know works with auto insurance—the assigned risk pool. If a driver is too risky to get affordable insurance, that driver is placed in the assigned risk pool and the cost is diffused across the insurance base.

—Rep. Tom McClintock

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